

**From:** Clarence Atchison  
**To:** Ms. Renata B. Heese  
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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

My wife and I support of the recent settlement of the antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation.

We appreciate and applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case; however, we are extremely disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to continue, with no apparent basis, to pursue this case.

We truly believe that the settlement is fair and just to all concerned and possibly affected. The settlement allows Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and gives consumers (like me and my wife) more services and products to choose from.

As you are well aware, or should be, Citizens for a Sound Economy, of which my wife and I are members, have been continually opposed to the federal government's antitrust case against Microsoft. It has done nothing but hurt our economy, especially in the markets of computer technology. For nearly 3 years, activists like myself and my wife have called, emailed, visited, and sent letters to the U.S. Department of Justice and to state attorneys' general offices explaining that Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but instead provided consumers like us with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products. Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and I can't imagine a world without what Microsoft has made available to us. Microsoft has only benefited the consumer!!!

Thanking you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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